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FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER

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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO MEET WITH LABOR PARTY
COMMITTEE

1. WE HAVE BEEN APPROACHED INFORMALLY BY THE LABOR PARTY'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE TO INQUIRE IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO MEET WITH ITS MEMBERS TO DISCUSS SOUTH AFRICA WHEN YOU ARE NEXT IN LONDON. THE INQUIRY CAME FROM NEIL KINNOCK, MP, WHOM YOU MET ON AN EARLIER VISIT TO LONDON AND WHO BELIEVES YOU COULD PROVIDE THIS GROUP WITH USEFUL, FIRST HAND PERSPECTIVE AND DISPEL SOME LABOR PARTY (AS OPPOSED TO LABOR GOVERNMENT) SKEPTICISM ABOUT USG POLICY ON SOUTH AFRICA. KINNOCK WAS ADVISED THAT IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE YOU COME TO LONDON, THAT THERE MIGHT NOT BE MUCH ADVANCE NOTICE OF YOUR ARRIVAL, AND THAT YOUR VISIT MIGHT BE TOO SHORT TO ALLOW THE MEETING, BUT SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER YOU COULD AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO MEET WITH THEM.

2. WE HAVE ADVISED FCO OF THIS REQUEST, AND THEY HAVE
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NO OBJECTION TO IT. INDEED, THEY OFFERED TO HELP WITH ARRANGEMENTS, IF YOU ACCEPT THE INVITATION.

3. WE AGREE WITH KINNOCK'S VIEW THAT YOU MIGHT HELP OVERCOME SOME MISUNDERSTANDING OF USG POSITION AND BELIEVE THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL IN TERMS OF OUR ON-GOING RELATIONS WITH THE LEFT-LEANING

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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